

Appendix LL.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF093/T2

The supply and installation of a publicly accessible Automated External Defibrillator (AED), to be located at Riverside Drive, in the Ward of Neath North.

This bid has been developed to 'Enhance Existing Council Services', and has been generated in partnership with Tai Tarian housing association.

The funding will be used to procure an AED through the Registered Charity, 'Heartbeat Trust UK.' The quotation includes for unit, the information signage, a polycarbonate cabinet and wall mounting. The defibrillator will be easy to use, featuring a full-colour display with vivid rescue images, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) cycle timer and a gauge that shows CPR compression depth. It is suitable to be used on individuals of any age.

This proposal is part of a wider initiative spearheaded by the Neath Town Council to fully equip the Ward of Neath North and its environs with publicly accessible defibrillators. On average, 8,000 people in Wales suffer a sudden cardiac arrest outside of hospital each year, and the survival rate is just 3-5%. The chances of survival are greatly increased when an AED is deployed. Time is critical. The Ward Members has identified gaps in the provision of this life- saving equipment at strategic locations in the Town Centre and across the Ward. These locations are in the most densely populated areas in Neath North and receive a huge amount of footfall. In the unfortunate event of a cardiac arrest the provision of an AED nearby would allow persons in the vicinity to perform emergency medical treatment whilst waiting for the Emergency Services to respond.

As the custodians of the Riverside Drive housing complex, the defibrillator will fall under the ownership of Tai Tarian housing association, who have made an ongoing commitment to ensuring that it is appropriately maintained for the foreseeable future. The defibrillator comes with a 7 year warranty and care package from 'Heartbeat Trust UK', which covers the cost of replacement batteries/pads and insurance to cover vandalism or theft.

This scheme has no financial implications for NPTCBC.

Recommendations

The request for grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £1,500 which will comprise Councillor Mark Protheroe' s remaining allocation and a contribution from Councillor Alan Lockyer.£1,500 will cover the cost of procuring and installing the defibrillator, the polycarbonate cabinet and the 7 year warranty/care package. There is no match funding associated with the proposal.

The project proposal is recommended for approval and financial support under the Members Community Fund.